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Milepost 199.5 US 52 at Fancy Gap, VA to Milepost 355.4, NC 128 to Mount Mitchell State Park



75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Celebrate with us!

January 9-16	20th An. Wilderness Wildlife Wk	Pigeon Forge
January 28 - 31	Blowing Rock Winterfest	Blowing Rock
January 30	Blue Ridge Resilience Conf	Boone
May 22	Night of the Spoken Word	West Jefferson
March 27-28	Whitetop Mtn Maple Festival	Whitetop
April 3	Mtn Music Rende-Vous	Grayson County
April 24	6th An. Shine to Wine Festival	N. Wilkesboro
April 24	6th An. Shine to Wine Festival	Wilkes County
April 29-30, May 1-2	MerleFest	Wilkesboro
May 1	Fries Spring Festival	Town of Fries
May 16	Whitetop Mtn Ramp Festival	Whitetop Mtn
May - Oct, 2nd Sat	Blowing Rock's Art in the Park	
May 19	Wayne/Hend Music Fest & Guitar	Mouth of Wilson
May 29	Grapestompers Festival	Laurel Springs
May-Oct	Florence Art School Painting Class	Glendale Sprgs
June-Oct, 2nd Fri	Ashe County Gallery Crawl	West Jefferson
June 10-13, July 4-8, & July 28-Aug 1 - Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show		
June 21-26	75th Ann Celebration	Boone
July 2-3	Christmas in July Festival	West Jefferson
July 3	Independence Day Celebration	Independence
July 4-10	Not Just a Scenic Road Wkshps #1	Boone
July 9-10	MusicFest 'n Sugar Grove	Sugar Grove
July 11-17	Not Just a Scenic Road Wkshps #2	Boone
July 17	High Country Wine Event	Avery County
July 17-18, Aug 21-22	Avery County Fine Arts Festival	Avery County
July 23	Blowing Rock Symphony by the Lake	Blowing Rock
July 30-August 2	Blowing Rock Art & Antique Show	Blowing Rock
August 11-Sept 4	"Along The Blue Ridge"	Ashe County
August 21	Blue Ridge Brutal Bike Ride	West Jefferson
Sept 4	3rd Annual Daniel Boone Days	Boone
Sept 5	Mile High Kite Festival	Beech Mountain
Sept 8-Dec 31	Exp Nature Thru Craftsmen's Hands	Sparta
Sept 11 - 18	Blue Ridge Heritage Days	Blowing Rock
Sept 11	Elk Knob Headwaters Comm Day	Todd
Sept 13-18	On The Same Page Literary Festival	Ashe County
Sept 18	Farm Heritage Days	Sugar Grove
Oct 1-3	"The Mountain In Us"	West Jefferson
Oct 2-3	16th Annual Autumn at Oz Party	Beech Mountain
Oct 3 and 4	Daniel Boone Days	Boone
Oct 5	8th Mile-High Kite Festival	Beech Mountain
Oct 10	Whitetop Mountain Molasses Festival	Whitetop
Oct 16	Bridle Creek Fall Festival	Grayson County
Oct 16	32nd Valle Country Fair	Valle Crucis
Oct 23 & 24	Woolly Worm Festival	Banner Elk
Nov 19	15th Annual Light Up Downtown	N. Wilkesboro

For more details on these events, visit:
www.blueridgeparkway75.org

MAP KEY: Refer to page 19 for explanation of symbols

216.9 NC - VA State Line. Alt. 2,547.

217.5 **Cumberland Knob.** 1,000 acres, picnic area, comfort stations, drinking water. 15-minute loop trail to Cumberland Knob. (Elev. 2,855). Loop trail into Gully Creek Gorge. 2 hours.

218.6 **Fox Hunters Paradise.** Overlook and parking area. 10 minutes by trail to the Paradise, where old-time hunters listened to their hounds. Alt. 2,805.

229 **US 21 Crossover.** West 7 mi. to Sparta, NC., 17 mi to Independence, VA. East 4 Mi. to Roaring Gap, NC.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY, NC

Alleghany County Visitor Center is just a few miles off the BRP in downtown Sparta. Slow down. Breathe easy. Stay as busy or un-busy as you want to be. Conquer a mountain or play checkers on the front porch. Find out where to stay, dine, hike, explore, canoe, fish, shop and play. www.sparta-nc.com (800) 376-5473.

GLADE VALLEY, NC

North of the Parkway via US 21, exit at MP 229.

Blue Ridge B and B - at MP 225/226, 5905 Mtn View Rd., light food, wine bar, internet, firepl, comfy rooms, home style feel, Jacuzzi bath, VI/MC. www.blueridgebandb.net (336) 657-3000.

Glade Valley B & B - 1.5 miles from MP 229 at Rt. 21. A new log home w/private baths, views & great country breakfast. www.gladevalley.com or call (800) 538-3508.

ROARING GAP, NC

5 miles south of Parkway on US 21, exit at MP 229.

High Meadows Inn & Nikolas Restaurant - 10486 Hwy 21S. 3.5 miles south of Parkway MP 229. 38 clean spacious rooms with good views. Restaurant adj. Cable TV. Inn guests receive 10% off at adjacent restaurant. www.nikolas-highmeadowsinn.com. (800) 585-6309.

SPARTA, NC

North of Parkway on US 21. Exit at MP 229 or 248.

Alleghany Inn - 341 N Main St, Sparta, NC 28675. 64 Rooms - Free Wireless Internet - Cable TV 60+ Chan, Guest laundry - Restaurant on site. Reserve online: www.AlleghanyInn.com or (888) 372-2501.

Blue Ridge Gallery of Fine Art & Joe Edwards Christmas Tree Farm - Mahogany Rock Rd. L on Pine Swamp, L on Gallery Lane. Wine Tasting, Wire-Wrapped Jewelry, Paintings, Pottery, Candles, Ornaments and Trees. www.blueridgefineart.com (336) 372-1711.

Boyer Realty & Auction Inc. - 1246 US Hwy 21 S, 5 mi. North of Parkway MP 229. Specializing in Real Estate and Auctions. www.boyerrealtyandauction.com (336) 372-8888.

Alleghany County, NC

NC 18 offers Parkway travelers a back-roads alternative through the Alleghany County countryside and the small town of Sparta. Exit and return to the Parkway at Mile Posts 217.3 and 248. Sparta is also accessible via US 21 at Mile Post 229.6.

If you like the Blue Ridge Parkway . . .

September 11, 1935, Blue Ridge Parkway construction began in Alleghany County. No one was more pleased than Alleghany's Congressman Bob Doughton, "Father of the Blue Ridge Parkway." As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, descendants say "Farmer Bob" had an agreement with President Franklin Roosevelt: If the Parkway passes through Alleghany County, Social Security will pass through Congress. The rest is history.

You're invited to the Parkway's 75th Anniversary Celebration, Sept. 10-12, 2010, but anytime is a good time to visit our neck of the woods. Because if you like the Parkway, you'll love Alleghany County.

Our back roads still wind through pastoral splendor. Our vistas are breathtaking. The New River steals your heart and Sparta still bustles with small-town hospitality. Were Farmer Bob to return today, he would immediately recognize his home.

Alleghany Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Center
58 South Main Street • Sparta NC 28675

1-800-372-5473
www.Sparta-NC.com



238.5 **Doughton Park**, 7,000 acres - Picnic area (Milepost 241), campground (Milepost 239), trailer sites, comfort stations, drinking water, 30 miles of trail. At Milepost 238.5 is the picturesque Brinegar Cabin. Be sure to visit Wildcat Rocks (Milepost 241.1), to view the Caudill House, a survivor from a community largely destroyed by an early 20th century flood.

Bluffs Lodge and Restaurant - MP 241 in Doughton Park. Charming hillside Lodge with comfortably furnished rooms. Restaurant serving homemade Southern Highland specialties. Stop by and pick up a souvenir for family or friends at our gift shop located by the Restaurant. May-Oct www.blueridgeresort.com (336) 372-4499.

248.1 **NC 18 Crossover** 2 Mi. west of Laurel Springs. 24 mi. east to North Wilkesboro, NC.

LAUREL SPRINGS, NC

Just north of Parkway on NC 18, exit at MP 248.

Cabins on Laurel Creek - 2900 S Laurel Fork Rd. MP 250. 3 Pet Friendly Cabins in peaceful location overlooking pond & pastures. www.cabinsonlaurelcreek.com. (336) 207-7677.

Freeborne's Eatery & Lodge - Hwy 18 S Laurel Springs, MP 248. 18 rooms with full service restaurant, bar, store, MC & Visa. Reservations call (336) 359-8008.

Miller's Camping - 1 mile N of Hwy 18 on Parkway Milepost 247. Full hook-ups, store, mountain-made crafts, hot showers, & laundry. (336) 359-8156.

Thistle Meadow Winery - Among top rated NC wineries - 3 miles on Elk Knob from MP246 - 50 wines: dry red, dry white, fruit/sweet. If lost, call (800) 233-1505.

Wild Woody's Campground & Antique Store - 1 one block off Parkway Hwy 18. Campground on trout stream, showers, beer, snacks. Ice cream, antiques, rare records, candles. Must see to believe. Buy, sell, trade, and rent Campers. Open May-Dec. 11am-7pm Thurs-Sun or call for appt. (336) 359-8432 (h) (336) 984-8088 (c).

ASHE COUNTY, NC

Fiddle around in Ashe County! Scenic views, attractions, crafts, shopping, golf, canoeing and lodging. For lodging and information contact Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 31, West Jefferson, NC 28694. (336) 846-9550 or toll-free (888) 343-2743.

259 **Northwest Trading Post** offers crafts and packaged food gifts from North Carolina's northwestern counties.

GLENDALE SPRINGS, NC

100 yards west of Northwest Trading post, MP 259.

ATTRACTIONS

Northwest Trading Post - MP 259 50+ years this charming country gift shop has featured "HAND MADE IN THE USA" timeless craftsmanship in one magical historic venue. (336) 982-2543.

World Famous Frescoes - The Last Supper, Mary Great with Child, Mystery of Faith & others. Episcopal Churches always open. Milepost 259. www.churchofthefrescoes.com (336) 982-3076.

Milepost 238



Rolling ridgetop meadows and steep mountainsides characterize the Doughton Park area. Remote places in the mountains like this were settled in the mid to late 1800s by expanding families seeking more land and moving farther up the mountain creeks and valleys, yet still remaining close to parents, grandparents, and other relatives. While people in many other parts of the country were rushing into the modern ways of the 20th century, these close-knit families—like the Brinegars, Caudills, Joines, Crouses and Pruitts—still raised most of their own food, built their own homes, and lived well into the 1900s without modern conveniences.

Martin Brinegar and Caroline Joines were married in 1878 and built a log cabin near Caroline's parents' home. It still stands here on the ridge along with their springhouse and granary. Here they raised and provided for their three children. Below the Brinegar cabin is Basin Cove. Settled in the 1880s by Harrison Caudill, Basin Cove grew into a community of 20 families with a store, church, and school. In 1916 a torrential flash flood and mud slide, cascading down the valley, destroyed all but one home and killed several people. The community was never rebuilt.

Today, Parkway visitors can experience the ruggedness and beauty of life here. Glimpse Basin Cove and the remaining cabin from Wildcat Rocks near Bluffs lodge. Or hike some of the more than 30 miles of trails that meander through the meadows and climb the steep hillsides. The Brinegar cabin is open several days a week during the summer and fall. Visitors can tour a demonstration garden and the cabin, and see exhibits, learning how Caroline made her family's clothes from the flax she grew and sheep she raised herself.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Mountain View Lodge & Cabins - MP 256 - Secluded B&B lodge plus 5 pet-friendly duplex cabins. Open all year. Great for families & large groups. Major credit cards. www.mtnviewlodge.com (800) 903-6811.

Raccoon Holler Camping Area - Between Mileposts 257 & 258 just off NC 16. Beautifully shaded, full hookups, swimming, fishing. Open April 15 til Nov 1. www.raccoonholler.com (336) 982-2706.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Greenhouse Crafts Shop - 1/4 mile west of Trading Post. Beautiful gifts, crafts, books, CDs, instruments, garden. Open 7 days. (336) 982-2618.

Zaloo's Canoes - Cool off! The kids will love it. 5 minutes off Parkway. Safe - Scenic 1-5 hour tube and canoe trips on the New River. Best family adventure on the Parkway. Go west at the North West Trading Post MP 259 for one half mile then right on Hwy 16 for 3 miles. Glendale Springs. www.zaloos.com. (800) 535-4027.

261 NC 16 Crossover. West 12 mi. to Jefferson, 14 mi to West Jefferson, 26 mi to Grasse Creek. East 20 mi. to North Wilkesboro.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that about 30,000 school children each year receive educational programs in their classrooms from Parkway Rangers?

JEFFERSON, NC

12 miles north of Parkway via NC 16, exit at MP 261.

Buffalo Tavern B&B - 958 W. Buffalo Road, W Jefferson, NC. MP 261, 4 rooms, full breakfast, mountain views, 1872 farm house. www.buffalotavern.com (877) 615-9678.

Best Western Eldreth Inn - Hwys. 221 & 88. AAA/3 Diamond. Comfortable country hospitality. Take NC 16 to US 221 south to Jefferson. Kings, queens, x-long double beds, & non-smoking rooms available. Cable TV/HBO. Rocking chairs on balconies. View of Mt. Jefferson; next to the shopping center; near New River canoeing, frescoes, cheese factory. Open all year. For reservations & information, call (800) 221-8802 or (336) 246-8845.

Jefferson Landing - Hwy 16/89, 2 miles from parkway MP 261. Championship golf, restaurant w/delightful accommodations overlooking Mt. Jefferson. www.jeffersonlandingclub.com (800) 292-6274.

Ashe County, NC

Exit the Parkway at NC Highway 16 north and then take Hwy 163 west toward West Jefferson.

Embark on an adventure to a place where artists find inspiration, nature lovers find serenity, and children young and old find their smiles.

Gently float down the New River, one of the world's oldest rivers, or hike to ancient altitudes that lift your spirits. Take a creative journey in our Arts District, where more than 15 galleries, plus dozens of shops and restaurants await you.

Tour the Churches of the Frescoes, where one artist's sacred vision has become a part of the walls. Dance, sing, and lose yourself in the Americana ambiance of our jamborees and general stores.

And, when the day is done, curl up in a cozy cabin, beautiful bed & breakfast or a myriad of motels and campgrounds, and let the sounds of the crickets and owls sing you to sleep.

Discover the Ashe County Experience!!

Ashe County
Chamber of
Commerce &
Visitors Center
West Jefferson, NC



888-343-2743 • www.ashechamber.com

WEST JEFFERSON, NC

West Jefferson may be best known for its arts district which is located in the middle of a beautiful historic downtown. The 15 murals create a walking tour through the downtown reflecting the area's history and unique mountain character. Nearby is the New River, one of the area's natural wonders, ideal for canoeing, kayaking, fly fishing and tubing. www.visitwestjefferson.org. (800) 801-3441.

Hampton Inn - New hotel. Indoor pool, hot tub, exercise center. Turn N on Hwy 16 towards Glendale Springs, go 1/2 mi., turn L on Hwy 163, go 7 miles. We are on the left just past the McDonald's. MC/V/AMEX. (336) 846-4000.

Mountain Aire Golf Club - Beautiful 18 hole public golf course. Great condition, reasonable rates. Exit Parkway at Glendale Springs or Deep Gap. 1104 Golf Course Rd, West Jefferson, NC 28694. www.mountainaire.com (336) 877-4716.

Mountain Aire Seafood & Steak - Jct. 16 & Milepost 261. Go 1/2 mile N on Hwy 16. Locally owned & operated. Credit cards accepted. www.mountainaireseafood.com (336) 982-3060 FAX (336) 982-3043.

Nation's Inn of Ashe County - 9 miles from Parkway. MP 261. Continental breakfast, Ashe County hospitality. M/C, VS, DS, AX. www.nationsinn.com (336) 246-2080 or (800) 801-3441.

Sally Mae's Emporium - 10 miles from Parkway MP 261. 7000 sq. ft of antiques, pottery, local art & gifts. (336) 846-9069. www.sallymaesemporium.com

268 **Benge Gap.**

272 **E.B. Jeffress Park.** Picnic area, Comfort station, trail to Cascades.

WILKESBORO, NC

20 miles southeast of Parkway via US 421 exit at Milepost 276.4.

Addison Inn - Hwy 421N in Wilkesboro, NC 20 miles SE of Parkway. Complimentary cont. breakfast, pool, free HSIA, pet friendly. 115 units. www.addisoninn.com. (336) 838-1000. (800) 672-7218.

Holiday Inn Express - Hwy 421, 20 miles from Parkway. Newly Renovated Hotel, Hot Breakfast, Pool, HSIA. www.hiexpress.com/wilkesboronc Call (336) 838-1800.

Wilkes Heritage Museum - Includes Blue Ridge Music Hall of Fame. 100 E. Main St. Tues-Sat 10-4. Guided & self-guided tours, Special events. Admission charged. www.wilkesheritagemuseum.com (336) 667-3171.

Wilkes County, Nc

Visitors will relish the fruits of our harvest produced from the river fed soils at our local orchards and enjoy touring acres of vineyards and tasting the palate-tempting wines.

Wilkes County, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains is filled with the sweet sounds of Americana music and heritage drama featured at the many concerts and festivals in the region. Visitors will relish the fruits of our harvest produced from the river fed soils at our local orchards and enjoy touring acres of vineyards and tasting the palate-tempting wines.

Discover the wonderful recreational opportunities such as W. Kerr Scott Reservoir's camping, boating, bird watching, hiking and mountain biking the seven-mile Dark Mountain Trail. If you're adventurous, test your strength at mountain climbing or your endurance with trout fishing the cool streams at Stone Mountain State National Park. If relaxed atmosphere is your choice, spend time with wildlife as you canoe down miles of rippling waters on Yadkin River.

If you want to spend some time here, there are beautiful quiet, private and very affordable accommodations available. "Explore Wilkes" — you may decide to stay!

Funded by
Wilkesboro Tourism Development
Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
336-838-8662 • www.ExploreWilkes.com

WILKES COUNTY, NC

The Blue Ridge Parkway is our northern county line. Exit at Mileposts 248.2 (NC 18), 261 (NC 16), or 276.4 (US 421).

Information: PO Box 727, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 E-mail: chamber@wilkesnc.org. Web: www.wilkesnc.org
Phone (336) 838-8662; FAX (336) 838-3728.

Milepost 294

MOSES & CONE MEMORIAL PARK

As unlikely as it sounds, blue jeans, farming and fine art largely define this country estate - turned Parkway recreation area. Moses Cone and his wife Bertha built what was then known as Flat Top Manor at the turn of the twentieth century. The son of a German Jewish immigrant who came to America as a peddler, Moses and his brother Caesar fashioned a textile empire, making them the leading producers of denim in the world. Visitors here will gain an understanding of the influence of this textile giant, and the role that the landscape architecture movement and country estate movement of the nineteenth century had on life in the Appalachian mountains.

In the 1890s and early 1900s, Cone fashioned this country place at Blowing Rock with its 23-room Colonial Revival mansion as a health retreat from the rigors of his business empire and as a way to showcase his new-found wealth. He built approximately twenty five miles of well-planned and exquisitely maintained carriage roads and two lakes. On Flat Top Mountain and Rich Mountain he and Bertha raised cattle and sheep and planted tens of thousands of apple trees. Soon after Bertha's death, the family offered the property to the Parkway with the understanding that it would be operated as a "public park and pleasuring ground."

Today the manor and the entire estate are one of the most heavily used areas along the Parkway and home to the Parkway Craft Center. Carriage roads are popular for hiking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing, especially by residents of the Boone/Blowing Rock area. While adjacent development has degraded some views from the estate, overall it retains most of the elements and the atmosphere of the premier country estate that it was. During the summer and fall, National Park Service staff provides frequent tours of the house. They also offer guided walks to the Cone Cemetery and occasional short talks on the manor porch. The manor house is both a good starting point and a highlight of any visit. Browse the bookstore and the craft center, with its assortment of contemporary and traditional crafts. Craft demonstrations are offered frequently in the summer

276.4 Deep Gap. US 421 Crossover.
W. 11 mi. to Boone. E 26 miles to
North Wilkesboro.

DEEP GAP, NC

11 miles east of Boone on US 421, exit Milepost 276.

Fall Creek Cabins - Secluded log cabins, hot tubs, fireplaces, picnic areas, hiking trails, waterfalls, trout stream. 5 miles from Parkway. Open all year. www.NorthCarolinaLogCabins.com
(336) 877-3131.

DAVIE COUNTY, NC

Tradition ... heritage ... quality of life - nestled along I-40; 20 minutes west of Winston-Salem. Visit Mocksville's Historic Downtown District and Joppa Cemetery, burial site of Daniel Boone's parents - Squire and Sarah. Located in Cooleemee are the Zackary House, NC's first museum detailing life in a cotton mill village, and the Mill House Museum. Enjoy wine tours at Raylen Vineyards & Winery, 3577 US Hwy 158, (336) 998-3100; Garden Gate Vineyards, 261 Scenic Drive, (336) 751-3794; and Misty Creek Vineyards, 710 Wyo Road, (336) 998-3303.

Contact Davie Co. Chamber of Commerce
www.daviecounty.com (336) 751-3304.

FLEETWOOD, NC

6 miles north of Parkway via US 221, exit at MP 276.4.

Fleetwood Falls® - A quiet place nestled in the mountains, along the New River, with lakes, streams, nature trails, tennis. Chalets for rent. Real estate for sale. Open all year. 9 1/2 miles NW of Parkway off Hwy. 221 on State Road 1106. For information and reservations: PO Box 128, Fleetwood, NC 28626 www.fleetwoodfalls.com
(336) 877-1110.

WINSTON-SALEM, NC

South of Parkway via US 421, exit at Milepost 276.4 or Milepost 199.5, US 52 South.

Old Salem - Restored 18th-19th century town with 15 buildings; decorative arts, antique toy and children's museums; shopping, dining, picnic tables. 1 1/2 hours from Parkway. 9:30-4:30 Mon-Sat; 1:30-4:30 Sunday. www.oldsalem.org (336) 721-7300.

GREENSBORO, NC

Come explore the historic grounds of the Revolutionary War battlefields at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. From one treasure to another, take a free tour of Replacements, Ltd. with over 13 million pieces of inventory. To pack in even more, spend time in our revitalized downtown - home to art galleries, theatres, restaurants, our minor league ballpark and exceptional historical museum. In the summer, be sure to cool off at Wet 'n Wild water park. www.visitgreensboronc.com or (800) 344-2282.

HICKORY, NC

Nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains and surrounded by a 20 mile lake, the Hickory Metro area features over 1.5 million s.f. of furniture shopping in the Hickory Furniture Mart and Catawba Furniture Mall, and miles of furniture outlets offering discount prices. The area is also rich in historic sites, museums, handmade crafts and recreational opportunities such as the "Hickory Crawdads" and the Hickory Motor Speedway. Call for a free Visitor's Guide or visit our website. Hickory Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau. www.hickorymetro.com (800) 509-2444.

VALDESE, NC

Historic Valdese, founded in 1893 by the Waldenses, provides a relaxing and enjoyable day anytime. Visit our museums, art galleries, antique shops, outdoor drama, and the Waldensian Winery. Go to www.visitvaldese.com or call (828) 879-2126.

Waldensian Heritage Winery - Valdese, NC. Fruity tasting wines. "Life is short, drink good wine." E-mail: waldensianheritagewines@embarqmail.com. (828) 879-3202.

CALDWELL COUNTY, NC

Home to 20 miles of furniture stores located along U.S. 321, which is a required destination for any serious shopper looking for furniture bargains. Visit downtown Lenoir filled with sculpture, eateries and shops. Located thirty minutes south of Blowing Rock at Milepost 294. www.explore Caldwell.com (800) 737-0782.

ELIZABETHTON, TN

"Birthplace of American Democracy," two state parks, largest rhododendron gardens in U.S., oldest frame house in TN, 134' covered bridge. Enjoy the outdoors, camping, water sports & hiking. www.tourelizabethton.com. (423) 547-3850.

BUTLER, TN

Northwest of Boone via US 321 to TN 67

Sugar Hollow Retreat - Butler, TN. 10 bedroom lodge, 4 guesthouses, Conference Center. Ideal for groups & families. www.sugarhollowretreat.com. (800) 857-1776.

GREENEVILLE, TN

A city rich in historical beauty and a vacation destination. Home of President Andrew Johnson. A small community feel in the midst of Tennessee's second oldest town. For more information www.greenecountypartnership.com or call (423) 638-4111.

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that about twenty million visitors come to the Parkway in an average year?

Elizabethton/Carter County, TN

Recreation,
Culture
and Dining
Await You!

Enjoy fishing on Watauga Lake by visiting Lakeshore Resort or Fish Spring Marinas for rentals and supplies. Watauga River provides flat water kayaking, white water rafting and trophy trout fishing. Take a hike on the Appalachian Trail. Camp the Cherokee National forest, a local campground or use a RV park. Need a softer bed? Check in at a local hotel or one of our numerous cabins by Watauga River. Book a retreat facility for family reunions or meeting purposes. Stay at one of our local B&Bs in historic Elizabethton.



Native American Festival • June 5-6

423-543-5808

44th Annual Covered Bridge Celebration • June 3-5

Nightly music/juried arts & crafts/kid's island.

Rhododendron Festival • June 19-20

www.roanmountain.com

"Liberty: Saga of Sycamore Shoals" • July 15-17, 22-24, 29-31

Tennessee's Official Outdoor Drama, depicting the early events in NE TN

Downtown shopping abounds; dine at one of our local restaurants, national chain or numerous fast food eateries.

For more Info: Elizabethton/
Carter County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 190, Elizabethton, TN 37644
423-547-3850 • www.tourelizabethton.com



Boone Fork Overlook Price Lake

291.9 US 221/321 Crossover. 7 mi. north to Boone, 2 mi. south to Blowing Rock.

BOONE, NC

Discover the beauty of a 4 season Mountain Destination. For visitor information call or write Boone Convention & Visitors Bureau, 208 W. Howard St., Boone, NC 28607. e-mail: info@visit-BooneNC.com (800) 852-9506 or (828) 262-3516. Exit Milepost 276.4 or 291.9.

Watauga County Tourism Development Authority - Simple Pleasures & Mountain Values! Explore one of America's premier outdoor recreation and relaxation destinations. Visit www.exploreboonearea.com.

ATTRACTIONS

An Appalachian Summer Festival - Annual multi-arts festival featuring music, dance, theatre and visual arts at Appalachian State University. Annually during July. For information on events call: (800) 841-ARTS.

Horn in the West & Hickory Ridge Homestead - 591 Horn in the West Dr. 3 miles N on Hwy 321 off MP 291.9. The oldest Revolutionary War Drama. Call (828) 264-2120.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Best Western Blue Ridge Plaza - Hwy 421 Boone. 5 miles from the Parkway. Indoor pool, gift shop, micro-fridge & coffee maker in every room, continental breakfast, suites with fireplace/Jacuzzi. www.bestwesternboone.com Call (888) 573-0408 toll free.

The Boone-Blowing Rock Area Lodging Association - Please visit our website www.highcountrylodging.com for lodging choices and information about the High Country Area around Boone and Blowing Rock.

Broyhill Inn - 775 Bodenheimer Dr. In scenic Boone, 6 miles from MP290. Spacious Retreat, Leisure & Mtg. Inn w/ Restaurant. www.broyhillinn.com (800) 951-6048.

Boone, NC



*Boone, NC
Exit at Milepost
291.9*

Here in the highest part of the Appalachian mountains, Daniel Boone once explored mountain trails.

Sometimes you need to venture off the Parkway to explore the beauty of the High Country's back roads. Summer high temperatures average in the 70s.

In the fall, the leaf color is indescribable. Springtime views are longer, revealing things hidden in greener seasons.

Boone is the perfect, central point to stay overnight, or stop for a meal and some shopping in any season. You can go biking, rock climbing, fishing or rafting. Outfitters can supply everything you need.

Boone is the Heart of the High Country, but explore the soul of the High Country from its back roads.

Visit www.HighCountryBackRoads.com for free maps, directions and even a downloadable CD to bring with you and listen to in your car!

Stay with us in any season!
E-mail: info@visitBooneNC.com

(800) 852-9506 • www.visitBooneNC.com

Comfort Suites - 1184 Hwy 105, 6 miles from Parkway. 96 all suite hotel, heat, indoor pool, exercise and game rooms. Hot Breakfast. (888) 854-5959.

Country Inn and Suites - Hwy 421 Boone. 5 miles from the Parkway. Brand New! Indoor pool, Jacuzzi, fitness center, continental breakfast, 2-room suites available. (828) 264-4234.

Fairfield Inn & Suites - 2060 Blowing Rock Rd. 5 miles from Parkway. Continental breakfast. Call (800) 228-2800.

Foscoe Rentals - Every season the mountains of North Carolina offer an array of activities and leisures. Foscoe Rentals is centrally located to Boone and Blowing Rock and offers a variety of vacation rentals. www.foscoerentals.com (800) 723-7341.

Hidden Valley Motel - Hwy 105 in the Foscoe Valley between Boone and Banner Elk. Enjoy birds, blooms and butterflies in our country garden. www.hiddenvalleymotel.com or jim@hiddenvalley-motel.com. Call (828) 963-4372.

Highland Hills Motel - Log rooms and cabins, cottages, regular motel rooms, pool (outdoors), TV, phones, some with fireplaces, kitchens, balconies, Jacuzzi, honeymoon suites. (828) 264-2277. For reservations only (800) 948-5276.

Holiday Inn Express - 6 mi. from Parkway. Complimentary hot breakfast. Suites, jacuzzis, fireplace. King or double queens. Pool. Award winner. 1943 Blowing Rock Rd. www.expressboone.com (828) 264-2451.

MOUNTAIN MEMOS

THE NEW RIVER

Do you know about the New River?

It may surprise you to find out that, with a name like the "New River," this is actually one of the world's oldest rivers. It carves a distinctive path through northwestern North Carolina and southwest Virginia, defining much of the area's geology and geography.

Especially on a map of Virginia, this river's most distinctive characteristic is readily apparent. Coming out of its headwaters in western North Carolina, the New flows north and west through the Blue Ridge and Alleghenies toward the Ohio River, eventually joining the Mississippi and emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. The course of this backwards-flowing river was apparently determined long before the Appalachian Mountains rose up around it.

The New River and the New River Valley form a distinct cultural and geological section of southwest Virginia and North Carolina.

It may be called the "New," but it's literally "older than the hills!"

Blowing Rock, NC

Known as the "Crown of the Blue Ridge," Blowing Rock offers visitors sweeping vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which are cool and refreshing in the spring and summer, before blazing into a beautiful tapestry of changing leaves in autumn and frosting with snow in winter.

High in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina, Blowing Rock has been a destination for travelers seeking a place to rest and rejuvenate since the 1800s.

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Just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the village is a place where time-honored charm and tradition meet modern style and sophistication. With an array of shops and restaurants, the village offers something for all tastes and a wealth of hidden treasures along the way. And, visitors can enjoy year-round festivals and attractions, as well as a wide array of outdoor adventures from horseback riding to skiing.



Blowing Rock — it's where the wind takes you.

For more information on Blowing Rock, call 877-750-INFO (4636) or visit www.BlowingRock.com



Bicyclists enjoy the ride and the views

KOA Kampground - From Boone, 194N 3 mi. Left on Ray Brown Rd. 1 mi. Beautiful view. Rec room, mini-golf, laundry, pool. 123 Harmony Mtn. Lane, Boone, NC 28607. (828) 264-7250.

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - New Hotel with several suites that have Jacuzzi tubs, fireplaces, free cont. breakf. Indoor pool and hot tub, conference space. All major credit cards accepted. (828) 262-1234.

Lovill House B & B - AAA 4 Diamond B&B in Boone on 421N. 6 Rooms/private baths/porch/11 acres. Full hot breakfast. www.lovillhouseinn.com (800) 849-9466.

Pepper's Restaurant - Famous sandwiches since 1975. Featuring steaks and seafood, soup & salad bar and homemade desserts. Open 7 days. Located at the Shops at Shadowline near Harris-Teeter. Live entertainment every Fri. and Sat. in our new bar. www.peppers-restaurant.com. (828) 262-1250.

Sleep Inn - Beautiful new hotel with outdoor heated pool, game room, free cont. breakfast. All major credit cards accepted. Call (828) 262-0020.

Willow Valley Resort - 3 miles on Hwy 105 from Boone. Eff. 1 br/2 br/3 br cabins & condos. Fully furn. Golf, tennis, pool, fireplaces. Excellent getaway. (828) 963-6551.

SHOPPING & RECREATION

Foscoe Fishing Co. - 8857 Hwy. 105 South - Come visit our new hand hewn log building located on the banks of the Watauga River. Stop in for gear, advice or book a guided fly fishing trip or instructional school. www.foscoefishing.com. (828) 963-6556.

North Carolina High Country Host - *A comprehensive source for vacation information on NC's Northwest Mountains. Contact for help in planning lodging, attractions, events, restaurants, and recreation in the High Country-Boone-Blowing Rock, Beech Mtn., Banner Elk, Linville, Sparta, West Jefferson, the Wilkesboros, and other communities.* **Visitor Center - NC High Country Host, 1700 Blowing Rock Rd., Boone, NC 28607.** www.mountainsofnc.com, e-mail: info@highcountryhost.com, (800) 438-7500.

The Village of Sugar Mountain, NC

Escape from the ordinary and let the adventure begin at the Village of Sugar Mountain. MP 305.2

Stay and play, in the Village of Sugar Mountain!

With a peak elevation of 5,300', close proximity to area attractions, a variety of economical and intimate accommodations to rest your weary head, and only minutes from the Parkway, the Village of Sugar Mountain is the perfect base camp for your next mountain adventure.

Enjoy four seasons of fun in and around the Village of Sugar Mountain.

Winter:

- Skiing & Snowboarding
- Tubing
- Snowshoeing
- Ice Skating
- SugarFest

Spring/Summer:

- Golf
- Tennis
- Hiking & Mountain Biking
- Outdoor Adventure Outfitters
- Weekend Scenic Lift Rides
- Lees McRae Summer Theater
- Appalachian Summer Fest

Fall:

- Golf
- Tennis
- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Leaf Looking
- Oktoberfest
- Woolly Worm Festival
- Valle Country Fair
- Autumn at Oz

Lodging:

- Chalets
- Condos
- Spacious Houses



For more information or to create your next adventure at the Village of Sugar Mountain, call 866-79-SUGAR (797-8427) or visit www.seesugar.com

VALLE CRUCIS, NC

via Rts US 421N or NC 194, 5 miles SW of Boone.

The Mast Farm Inn - 5 mi south of Boone off Hwy 105, where rest, relaxation & romance are always in season. Private rooms & cottages, porch swings, bountiful gardens, fireplaces, & creative Southern cuisine. www.MastFarmInn.com. (888) 963-5857.

Mast General Store - Established 1883. Listed National Register of Historic Places. Authentic & nostalgic emporium located in pastoral setting 8 miles from Boone in the Valle Crucis community. Clothing, camping gear, shoes & boots, housewares & unique gifts. Hwy 194 (828) 963-6511. Also visit our downtown stores in Boone, Asheville, Hendersonville, Waynesville, Greenville, SC and Knoxville, TN. Visit online at www.mastgeneralstore.com.

BLOWING ROCK, NC

Charming village on the Parkway. Exit Hwy 221 & 321. Lodging, dining and shops. Near attractions. Information: Blowing Rock Visitor Center, 7738 Valley Blvd or PO Box 2445, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. www.BlowingRock.com (828) 295-4636.

ATTRACTIONS

The Blowing Rock - Breathtaking view 4090 feet above John's River Gorge. Prevailing winds return light objects thrown over the void. Hwy. 321 South, Blowing Rock, NC. www.theblowingrock.com.

Mystery Hill - Family fun center! Feel the strange pull. See water flow uphill. Hall of Mystery. 40 challenges. Heritage & Artifact Museums. Open all year. Hwy 221/321 North Blowing Rock. www.mysteryhill-nc.com. info@mysteryhill-nc.com. (828) 263-0507.

Tweetsie Railroad - North Carolina's first theme park. Relive the Old West aboard the historic steam-powered locomotive known as Tweetsie. Bring your family and enjoy entertaining shows, rides, shopping, mountain clogging, panning for gold and a deer park. Open 9AM-6PM Friday-Sunday in May. Memorial Day through Mid-August open seven days a week from 9AM-6PM. Mid-August through October open Friday-Sunday from 9AM-6PM. Located on Hwy 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, NC. and from the Blue Ridge Parkway exit at mile post 291, Boone exit. For more information call (800) 526-5740 or visit our web site: www.tweetsie.com.



Skiing at Sugar Mountain

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

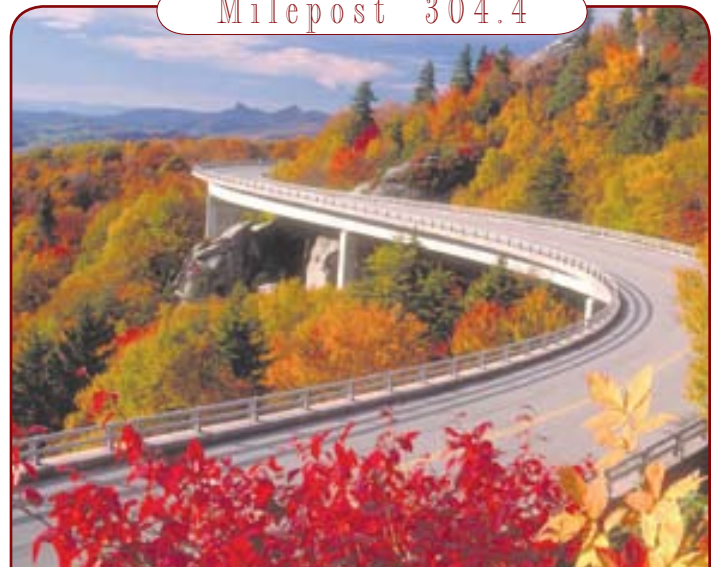
Alpen Acres Motel - 1/4 mi. N. of Blue Ridge Parkway on Hwy 321 - Scenic hilltop. Heated pool, wireless, cont. breakfast. Chalet for 2. AAA. (828) 295-7981 / (888) 297-7981.

Alpine Village Inn - 297 Sunset Dr. Quaint cozy rooms & suites in the heart of town. AC, CCTV, & phones. Some fireplaces & Jacuzzi. Pet friendly rooms. www.alpine-village-inn.com (828) 295-7206.

Chetola Resort - Magnificent views, 87 acres, lodge, condos, Bob Timberlake Inn. Fitness center, restaurants, Orvis Endorsed. N. Main St., Blowing Rock, NC 28605. www.chetola.com (828) 295-5500 or (800) 243-8652.

Cliff Dwellers Inn - 1 mile south of Parkway off Hwy 321. Big rooms, you'll love the views. Ref/coffee maker. www.cliffdwellers.com (800) 322-7380 or (828) 295-3121.

Milepost 304.4



LINN COVE VIADUCT

A seven mile unfinished section of the Blue Ridge Parkway was delayed for twenty years as environmentalists, adjacent land-owners, engineers, and architects put their skills together on how to preserve the scenic and fragile environment on the slopes of Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina. The resulting Linn Cove Viaduct is a symbol of pride to landscape architects and engineers for its marriage of beauty with utility and habitat protection.

Visitors here will gain an appreciation for the relationship between the building of the Linn Cove Viaduct and the overall Parkway design and engineering, as well as its role in protecting the fragile habitat on Grandfather Mountain.

From the first explosion of colorful wildflowers in the spring to the refreshing coolness of summer to the fall extravaganza of color to the beauty of snow covered peaks in winter, each season provides the traveler with a completely different Parkway experience.

Gideon Ridge Inn - 202 Gideon Ridge Rd. Beautiful stone Inn with great views & gardens. B&B 10 rooms & suites. \$150-\$300. www.gideonridge.com (828) 295-3644.

Hemlock Inn & Suites - "A Blowing Rock Tradition". Open all year. One of downtown's best locations. Hemlock Inn is one building off main street, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and park. Kings with featherbed, queens, doubles and two room-suites are available. Handicap accessible rooms also available. All rooms have color cable TV, A/C, telephones, microwaves, small refrigerators and coffee pots. Suites have fully equipped kitchens. Gazebo with sitting area and fountain. www.hemlockinn.net (828) 295-7987.

Homestead Inn - 153 Morris St. in the heart of town. Open year round. Sun.-Thurs. discount. Quaint, cozy, extra clean rooms. A/C, CCTV, phones, coffee, fridge, micro, fireplaces, Jacuzzis. Efficiency avail. www.homestead-inn.com (828) 295-9559.

Jenkins Rentals - The finest rental condos, log cabins, & chalets in the Blowing Rock area. Hwy 321 & Sunset. www.jenkinsrentals.com (800) 438-7803.

Meadowbrook Inn - 711 Main Street - Spacious rooms & suites w/fireplaces & Jacuzzis. Restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center & Complimentary Breakfast. www.meadowbrook-inn.com or (800) 456-5456.

Riverside Log Cabins - 129 Mystery Hill Ln. Blowing Rock, NC 28605. 1 & 2 bedroom units. Open all year. Close to attractions. www.riversidelogcabins.com (828) 263-0507.

The Village Inns of Blowing Rock - Our 3 Inns are located within walking distance of Main Street. Rooms, suites & cottages available. Pet friendly. www.thevillageinnsfblowingrock.com (828) 295-3001.

Inn at Yonahlossee Resort - Between MP 294 & 295. Just 2.5 miles off Parkway on Shulls Mill Road. Intimate rooms, cozy cottages, and luxurious homes. Indoor & outdoor tennis, equestrian center, indoor pool, fitness center with sauna. Fine dining at The Gamekeeper Restaurant. www.yonahlossee.com. (800) 962-1986.



Moses Cone Park

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Footsloggers - Sharing in your outdoor adventures for over 30 years. Hiking & climbing equipment, men's & ladies outer wear, footwear, paddle sports, eyewear. Come climb our 35' climbing tower - fun for all ages. Blowing Rock. (828) 262-5111. (828) 295-4453.

Milepost 297



JULIAN PRICE MEMORIAL PARK

Julian Price purchased this land as a recreational retreat for his employees after establishing one of the nation's largest insurance companies. After his untimely death in 1946, his heirs left the land to the Blue Ridge Parkway as a memorial to a man who shared the natural beauty of the area with others.

Today, visitors see the rebirth of a hardwood forest on hillsides where lumber companies cut virgin tracts of hemlock, poplar, and chestnut in the early 20th century. According to some, it was the "best boundary of timber in Carolina." Julian Price Memorial Park contains 4,200 acres with elevations ranging from 3,400 feet to nearly 4,000 feet.

Price Park is a haven for relaxation and recreation with the 47-acre Price Lake as its focal point. Visitors enjoy one of the most popular and largest picnic areas on the Parkway, along with camping, boating and fishing on Price Lake, and ample opportunities to explore the mountains on hiking trails. Grandfather Mountain, at 5,964 feet, is the highest peak in the Blue Ridge and rises majestically nearby.

The wilderness appeal of forested highlands and cold mountain streams at Price Park welcomes those who want to enjoy the outdoors. The Green Knob Trail, Boone Fork Trail, and Price Lake Trail offer ample hiking opportunities. The Tanawha Trail, perhaps the crowning achievement of all Parkway trails, stretches 13.5 miles from Price Park to Beacon Heights, paralleling the Parkway and rising along the slopes of Grandfather Mountain. A trek along the Tanawha Trail crosses fragile habitats and ecosystems, tunnels through laurel and rhododendron thickets, and crosses many boulder fields and cascading streams.

During the summer, rangers present programs on various topics at the amphitheater located in the campground. Whether delighting in the calm waters while driving across the dam, camping, picnicking, or experiencing the Parkway by foot, most visitors will understand why Price Park is one of the most popular of all Parkway stops.

Parkway Craft Center - A shop of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, located in the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294, represents 400 artists of the Southern Appalachians on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Craft demonstrations offered from April to November. Open daily March 15 to November 30, 9-5 daily. Closed Thanksgiving. parkwaycraft@bellsouth.net (828) 295-7938.

Park Service Bookstore and Information Center - Located in the Moses Cone Manor, Milepost 294 on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Open late April/early May to October/early November, 9-5. Closed Thanksgiving. (828) 295-3782.

292.7 Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, 3,600 acres. Many miles of horse and carriage trails, hiking, fishing.

294 Historic Flat Top Manor House; Parkway Craft Center; comfort station; visitor information, publications.

295 Julian Price Memorial Park. 4,344 acres. Campground, picnic area, lake, boating, fishing, trails. Alt. 3,400. Reservations for camping www.recreation.gov.

304.4 Linn Cove Viaduct Information Center. Visitor information, comfort station, publications. Trail access viaduct. Alt. 4,000.

305.2 Junction Parkway and US 221. 3 mi. west to Linville.



Price Lake Sun Burst

Grandfather Mountain

Grandfather Mountain is a scenic travel attraction recognized by the United Nations as one of the world's most environmentally diverse nature preserves.

Towering 5,946 feet above northwest North Carolina, Grandfather Mountain is a scenic travel attraction recognized by the United Nations as one of the world's most environmentally diverse nature preserves.

Guests drive to the Mile High Swinging Bridge where they marvel at 360-degree views of the surrounding mountains cascading to the horizon. Suspended a mile above sea level and 80 feet above the ground, crossing the Swinging Bridge is a highlight of the trip.

Seven natural habitats bring visitors eye-to-eye with bears, cougars, otters, eagles and deer. Guests can stroll gentle nature paths or hike rugged backcountry trails, dine in the restaurant or picnic in a scenic spot. And Grandfather's knowledgeable staff is eager to help everyone find their own perfect mountain adventure.

Grandfather Mountain is located on US 221, one mile from the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 305. Open all year, weather permitting in winter.

Grandfather Mountain
P. O. Box 129 • Linville, NC 28646

800-468-7325
www.grandfather.com





Avery County, Hwy 181

BANNER ELK, NC

10 miles north of Parkway on NC 184/194, exit at Milepost 305.2

Banner Elk Winery & Inn - Join us for wine tasting and tours Tuesday-Sunday from noon until 6:00. Enjoy our award-winning wines crafted from grapes grown in the High Country. You can stay for an afternoon with a picnic overlooking our pond, vineyards, and chipping & putting golf hole or for a weekend or longer at our exquisite estate inn located at the Winery. We look forward to your visit and are easily located 1 1/2 miles from the stoplight in Banner Elk. www.bannerelkwinery.com. (828) 260-1790, (828) 898-9090.

Best Western Mountain Lodge at Banner Elk - Located on Hwy. 184 only 7 miles from Milepost 304. Full service hotel. Seasonal packages. www.bestwesternbannerelk.com or call (877) 877-4553.

Smoketree Lodge - 12 miles south of Boone on Hwy 105. Nestled at the foot of Grandfather Mtn. Studio, one and two bedroom condos equipped with kitchenettes and DVD players. Heated indoor pool, saunas, Jacuzzi and cable TV. www.smoketree-lodge.com (800) 422-1880.

EVERY COUNTY, NC

Home of the Woolly Worm Festival. Christmas trees, top resorts & attractions, skiing hub. Located in the "High Country" in the western mountains of North Carolina. Avery County Chamber of Commerce, 4501 Tynecastle Hwy Unit #2, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Open Monday-Friday from 9-4 and Saturday & Sunday from 12-4. Website: www.averycounty.com. (800) 972-2183.

SUGAR MTN., NC

Visit Sugar Mountain for four-season fun. Enjoy skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowshoeing, ice skating, hiking-biking, golf & tennis. Experience a Bavarian weekend at the annual Oktoberfest and a weekend of winter fun at December's SugarFest. For information on special events and accommodations on the mountain, go to www.seesugar.com (828) 898-9292 or 866-797-8427.

NC High Country

The North Carolina High Country. Home of the first and last link of the Blue Ridge Parkway

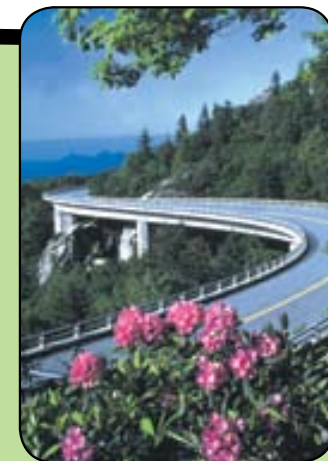
You might say the Parkway began and ended in the High Country. Our beautiful section of the Parkway begins at the Virginia/North Carolina border and includes Cumberland Knob, the area where construction first began, and the last link of the Parkway, Linn Cove Viaduct.

One of the most photographed, most celebrated sections of the Parkway, the High Country is also the home to many attractions and points of interest. High Country Host, the visitor welcome organization in the High Country, has compiled mile-post itineraries that begin at the VA/NC line and extend nearly to Mt. Mitchell. These itineraries are available at www.highcountryparkway.com.

Call for a free Mountain Vacation Planner!
(800) 438-7500

Some of the interesting attractions you will see along our leg of the Parkway include: Doughton Park, Mountain Music Jamboree, Northwest Trading Post, Churches of the Frescoes, Mast General Store, Moses Cone Manor, Tweetsie Railroad, Julian Price Park and Price Lake, Grandfather Mountain, Linville Caverns, Emerald Village and The Orchard at Altapass. Spectacular views, great hiking trails, bird watching, shopping, outdoor adventure, and our famous Blue Ridge hospitality awaits you!

1700 Blowing Rock Rd. • Boone, NC
www.mountainsofnc.com



ExploreBooneArea.com

Sugar Mountain Accommodations Center. - Located off Hwy 184 at the main entrance of Sugar Mtn. We offer delightful vacation chalets & condos all over Sugar Mtn. All properties are fully furnished & equipped including fireplaces & kitchens. Call 800-545-9475 for friendly assistance or book online anytime at www.staysugar.com.

Sugar Mountain Resort Accommodations - 3390 Tynecastle Hwy 184 at Sugar Mountain. Fully equipped homes, condos, cabins, on Mtn. Rent by day/wk/mo. Real estate sales. MLS. Book online 24/7. www.staysugarmountain.com. (800) 438-4555.

BEECH MTN., NC

Highest town in eastern US. Alt. 5506'. Temperatures rarely climb above 75 degrees. Enjoy golf, tennis, hiking and biking in Summer and the finest skiing, tubing and snowboarding in the Southeast in Winter. Country inns, chalets, condos, restaurants, shops and a general mercantile that serves as the center of town life. Beech Mtn. Chamber of Commerce, 403A Beech Mountain Parkway, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. www.beechmtn.com (800) 468-5506 or (828) 387-9283.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Banner Elk/Beech Mountain Rentals - Fully furnished homes by day/week or month. 1 to 6 bedrooms. Golf, tennis, pool. 401 Beech Mountain Parkway. (828) 387-4291.

Beech Mountain Chalet Rentals - Furnished chalets. Golf, tennis, pool, ski. 1-6 Br. 405 Beech Mtn. Parkway, Beech Mtn. NC 28604. www.skibeechmountainnc.com (828) 387-4231, (800) 368-7404.

LINVILLE, NC

3 miles from Parkway on US 221, exit at MP 305.1.

ATTRACTIONS

55th Annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games - July 8-11, 2010. World's largest gathering of Scottish Clans. Milepost 305. www.gmhg.org (828) 733-1333.

Grandfather Mountain - Offering visitors easy access to its towering peaks, Grandfather Mountain is one of the world's most environmentally diverse nature preserves. Feel the rush when you cross the Swinging Bridge; marvel at 360-degree views from one mile above sea level; stand eye-to-eye with bears, otters, eagles, cougars and deer in natural habitats; hike rugged back-country trails or stroll gentle nature paths; eat in our restaurant or take your order out to one of many scenic picnic areas; interact with our entertaining, knowledgeable staff and let us help you find your own perfect mountain adventure. Two miles from Linn Cove Viaduct; one mile from the Parkway. Take Linville Exit, MP 305 to US 221. Open daily 8 to dusk (weather permitting in winter). \$15/adult; \$13/seniors 60+; \$7 child 4-12; children under 4 free. www.grandfather.com Phone (828) 733-4337 or (800) 468-7325.

FOOD, LODGING, & CAMPING

Pixie Motor Inn - Intersection of NC 105 and US 221. 25 Grade A units. Electric heat. Grade A Cafe nearby. Color television. Free ice for cooler. Air conditioned. (828) 733-2597.

The River Dog Coffeehouse & Cafe - World-class coffee and espresso, gourmet sandwiches, salads, beer, & wine served in Old Linville lodge atmosphere. B'fast, lunch, dinner. Wireless internet. Linville Village, 3.8 mi. frm Pkwy, U.S. 221 S. (828) 733-9333.

The Tartan Restaurant - Located at the intersection of NC 105 & US 221. Open daily year round. Country breakfasts, great sandwiches and daily specials. (828) 733-0779.

SHOPPING & MISCELLANEOUS

Everything Scottish - 3 miles on 221. Open every day all year. Scottish imports with bagpipes, kilts, jewelry, books, music & more. www.everythingscottish.com (888) 606-KILT.

308.2 Flat Rock Parking Area. Self-guiding nature trail to superb view of Linville Valley and Grandfather Mountain.

NEWLAND, NC

8 miles north of Spruce Pine off 19E, exit at Milepost 305.1.

Secluded Valley RV Campground - 8 miles North of Spruce Pine on 19E. 5 miles from Blue Ridge Parkway. 30 & 50 amp full hook-ups, children & pets welcome, level & spacious sites. (828) 765-4810.

PINEOLA, NC

2 miles north of Parkway on US 221, exit at Milepost 305.1 or 312.

Christa's Country Corner - General Store, Deli, Ice Cream, Clothing and Gifts. Choose and Cut Christmas Trees. Straight across from Entrance/Exit. Mile Marker 312 Morganton - Pineola Exit. (828) 733-3353.

Down by the River Campground - 292 River Campground Rd, 4 mi south of Linville; 1 mi north of Parkway. 30 & 50 amp service, hot showers, level sites, laundry. (May-Oct.) (828) 733-5057.

Pineola Inn - US 221 3 mi. South of Linville. 1.5 mi off Parkway Milepost 312. 40 rooms, AC, color CATV, room phones, tennis, golf, hiking, trout fishing close. (828) 733-4979 or 733-2008.

312 NC 181 Crossover, 32 miles southeast to Morganton, 2 mi. north to Pineola.